



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.7

Soil moisture supplies: 20% very short, 37% short, 40% adequate and 3% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Drought conditions worsened across much of the state this week as statewide precipitation averaged about two-tenths of an inch, 1.0 inch below normal. Rainfall was nearly non-existent in northern Louisiana and only sparse in the southern portion of the state. The dry weather sped up the harvest of several crops. The corn harvest was completed this week. The cotton harvest remained well ahead of the norm, reaching 48 percent, 33 points ahead of the five-year average. The soybean harvest was 55 percent completed, slightly ahead of the five year average. Some soybeans showed increased pressure from stinkbugs. The rice ratoon crop made good progress this week. Sugarcane producers were wrapping-up planting and preparing for harvest.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Greenhouse tomatoes were harvested. Strawberry producers put plastic down in fields and planted strawberry plants. Vegetable producers irrigated cabbage and bell pepper fields.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Crawfish producers began flooding ponds in some areas. Producers marketed calves. Ryegrass planting preparations were made. Drought conditions caused some cattle producers to start feeding hay because of poor pasture conditions.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	100	99	99	97
Cotton	Bolls Open	98	97	85	92
	Harvested	48	38	5	15
Hay	Second cutting	98	98	94	96
Rice	Ripe	99	98	100	99
	Harvested	92	87	87	88
Sorghum	Harvested	99	98	96	95
Soybeans	Turning Color	89	84	88	88
	Dropping Leaves	74	71	71	76
	Harvested	55	46	48	52
Sugarcane	Planted	84	73	88	75
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	18	11	15	21

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	0	21	34	42	3
Soybeans	1	8	27	46	18
Sugarcane	2	8	21	40	29
Sweet Potatoes	1	2	32	64	1
Livestock	3	9	41	40	7
Vegetables	12	30	39	19	0
Pasture	8	21	39	29	3

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/13/10 TO 09/19/10

	AIR				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION		
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	100	63	83	76	0.00	1.35	19.12	36.48
Minden	100	62	82	76	0.00	1.34	25.76	39.42
Mooringsport	99	66	83	MM	0.00	2.81	29.14	32.86
Extreme/Average	100	62	83	76	0.00	1.83	24.67	37.40
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	99	58	80	76	0.00	1.74	25.90	39.88
Homer/Hill Farm	98	57	79	75	0.00	0.58	27.03	39.69
ULM-Monroe	(101)	59	81	76	0.00	0.62	26.80	41.40
Columbia Lock	100	59	81	MM	0.00	0.36	19.86	43.09
Extreme/Average	101	57	80	76	0.00	0.83	24.90	40.71
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	97	60	79	76	0.00	2.83	22.48	42.28
LSU-St Joseph	98	57	80	77	0.00	2.47	28.18	41.22
LSU-Winnsboro	99	(56)	81	76	0.00	1.00	23.24	40.51
Tallulah	97	58	79	76	0.00	1.33	27.06	42.39
Extreme/Average	99	56	80	76	0.00	1.91	25.24	41.52
4. West-Central								
Leesville	97	59	80	76	0.02	1.63	24.03	41.10
LSU-Rosepine	98	62	83	77	0.00	0.87	30.64	42.08
Natchitoches	99	63	84	77	0.00	1.48	22.62	39.07
Ashland	98	57	80	75	0.00	2.17	20.79	39.41
Extreme/Average	99	57	82	77	0.01	1.54	22.41	40.04
5. Central								
Alexandria	97	63	83	78	0.10	2.74	33.20	42.98
Bunkie	94	61	80	77	0.00	1.18	41.34	44.24
LSU-Alexandria	96	60	81	77	0.29	2.63	32.19	41.68
Extreme/Average	97	60	81	78	0.13	2.18	35.58	43.59
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	95	62	80	MM	0.00	5.46	41.51	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	95	60	81	78	0.00	2.55	36.77	46.41
Amite	97	57	80	77	0.00	1.11	40.37	49.87
LSU-Hammond	95	58	80	77	0.00	5.14	38.37	48.85
Slidell	93	62	80	78	0.00	5.29	51.38	48.10
Extreme/Average	97	57	80	78	0.00	3.91	41.68	48.65
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	96	65	83	78	0.00	0.85	32.26	43.60
Jennings	95	65	82	78	0.78	2.30	39.24	43.81
LSU-Crowley	95	65	82	78	1.20	1.65	34.52	44.25
Extreme/Average	96	65	82	78	0.66	1.60	35.34	44.75
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	94	63	80	78	0.41	4.53	40.95	46.59
LSU-Jeanerette	96	65	81	77	0.53	2.73	44.40	47.20
Morgan City	92	71	83	78	0.38	5.80	34.00	49.74
Extreme/Average	96	63	81	79	0.44	4.35	39.78	47.64
9. Southeast								
Galliano	92	68	82	79	0.05	10.59	51.01	51.08
Houma	96	63	83	79	0.46	8.25	45.33	49.61
Terrytown 3S	95	68	83	MM	0.00	3.68	45.09	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	96	63	82	79	0.17	7.51	47.14	49.36
State								
Extremes/Averages	101	56	81	78	0.18	2.83	33.71	43.98

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through September 19, 2010

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